MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST ADDENDUM SHEET U.S. 301 SOUTH CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Property Name: Wells Corner Survey No.: PG:79-9

Property Address_16001 Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro vicinity, Prince George's County
Owner Name/Address_Albert and Nancy Wells, 16001 Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro MD 20772
Year Built_1922

Description:

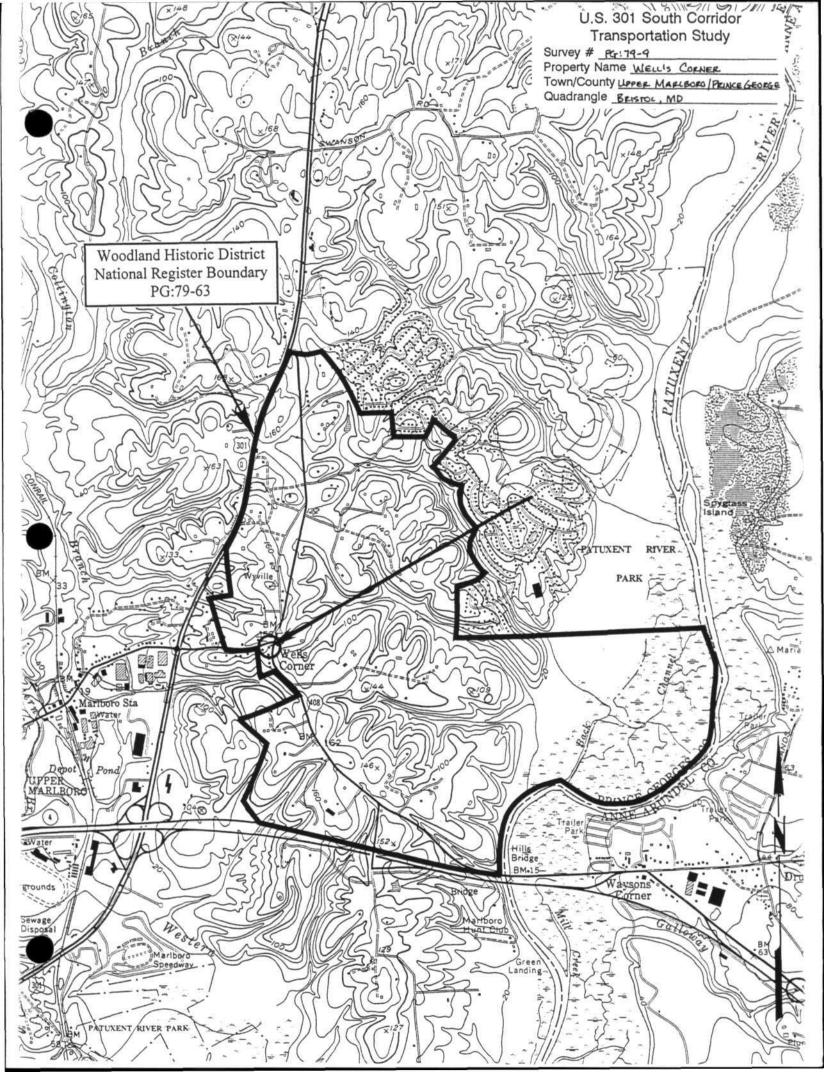
Wells Corner was previously surveyed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in 1974 and 1985. The two-part building consists of a circa 1920 west structure and a later east structure. Both parts of the building have undergone major alterations since the time of the previous survey. On the west structure, the second story porch has been covered by a mansard-style roof covered in wood shingle. The sides and rear of the building have been covered in vinyl siding, and a wood staircase and landing have been added to the rear elevation. On the east structure, a 1-story shed addition has been constructed across the front elevation. Vinyl siding and vinyl windows have also been added to both structures.

National Register Evaluation:

Wells Corner is a contributing resource within the Woodland Historic District (PG:79-63). The Woodland Historic District was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places by the Maryland Historical Trust in July 1993.

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HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #79-9 Building Date: _ca. 1922

Building Name: Wells Corner

16001

Location: 16007 Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

Wells Corner consists of two adjoining frame structures located on the southwest corner of Old Crain Highway and Marlboro Pike. Both are on cement foundations. The west structure is two stories, 35 x 45 feet, with a hip roof of painted shingle, sided with German siding. The east structure is one-story, with a shed roof and false cornice. It connects to the west building along its western wall. The west building is rectangular in plan with a five-bay north facade covered by a hip roof, two-story, three-bay porch. The upper story of the porch is enclosed and screened. The first story of the porch has chamfered wood posts and a bracketed cornice. It continues across the front facade of the east building. The first story front facade of the west building is covered with wood shingles, with central entrance flanked by a single pane, commercial window and on the west by a modern projecting bay window. The main facade was remodeled in 1983. Centered above the plain boxed cornice is a hip roof dormer with a double eyebrow window. The west facade is five bays with asymmetrical spacing of 1/1 and 2/2 windows and a central dormer identical to the north dormer. South of center is an interior brick chimney. The south facade is four bays with a corbelled brick interior chimney at the third bay. The east structure at Wells Corner measures 15 x 45 feet. The north (front) facade has a high false cornice hiding the southward sloping shed roof. The facade is three bays with a central entrance and a circular window beneath the cornice on the first and third bay. The north facade has German siding. The rest of the east building is sided with asphalt shingle. A high exterior brick chimney is on the east facade. A gable roof barn, sided with German and board and batten siding is situated to the west.

Significance

The southwest corner of the intersection of Old Crain Highway and Marlboro Pike has had commercial uses serving area farmers since the 1870's. The 1878 Hopkins Atlas shows a blacksmith shop located there. During the late 19th century, until 1899, there was a general store there, run by Joseph L. Martin. The old store building burned in the early 1920's and the present two-story structure was built by Albert M. Wells, and operated as a store and apartments. The present one-story east wing may have been an addition to the two-story west building. The site continues to be owned by the Well's family and the buildings are still in use as a store. The intersection of Marlboro Pike and Old Crain Highway is known regionally as Well's Corner. It is marked as such on maps of the County. The store structures are simple, 20th century commercial vernacular in style.

Acreage: 30,941 square feet

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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and/or common	Wells Corner			
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city, town Upp	er Marlboro,	vicinity of	congressional district	5
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3. Clas	sification			
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4. Own	er of Propert	y (give names an	d mailing addresses	of <u>all</u> owners)
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street & number	16001 Marlboro Pike		telephone no.	. :
city, town Up	per Marlboro,	state	and zip code M	D. 20772
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The two story west building is rectangular in plan. The five-bay north (main) facade is covered by a hip roof, two-story, three-bay porch. The upper story of the porch is enclosed and screened. The first story of the porch has chamfered wood posts and a bracketed cornice. It continues across the front facade of the adjoining building. The first story front facade of the west building is covered with wood shingles. There is a central entrance flanked on the east by a single pane, commercial window and on the west by a modern projecting bay window. The first floor exterior and interior were remodeled in 1983. Centered on the north facade, above the plain boxed cornice, is a hip roof dormer with a double eyebrow window.

The west facade is five bays with asymmetrical spacing of 1/1 and 2/2 windows. There is a central dormer identical to the dormer on the north facade. South of the dormer is an interior brick chimney. An entrance on the fourth bay was covered by a gable roof porch which has been removed.

The south (rear) facade is four bays. A first-story porch across the facade was removed, leaving 3 pyramidal cement piers which supported its roof. A second story porch on the southeast two bays has been filled in. A corbelled brick interior chimney is at the third bay.

The east structure at Wells Corner is one-story, measuring 15 x 45' feet. The north (front) facade has a high false cornice hiding the southward sloping shed roof. The facade is three bays with a central entrance and a circular window beneath the cornice on the first and third bay. The north facade has German siding. The rest of the east building is sided with asphalt shingle. There is a one-story porch across the facade. The window openings at the south and east side of the building have been boarded over. A high stove pipe interior brick chimney is on the east facade.

A gable roof, frame barn lies to the west. It is sided with a combination of German and vertical board and batten siding. Two entrances on the north facade are covered by a pent, which divides the first from second story. There is a central opening covered by wooden shutter-doors on the second story. The north section of the barn rests on a cement foundation. It is roofed with asphalt shingle.

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Notes

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- 1 Land Records of Prince George's County. Wills. Inventory of Joseph L. Martin, Administration #1738.
- Conversation with Russell Buck, June 17, 1985. Conversation with Fred Wyvill, June 11, 1985.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G. #79-9

See #8 Footnotes

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Maryland Historical Trust

Shaw House

21 State Circle

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

(301) 269-2438

Chain of Title

Wells Corner P.G. #79-9

#4166:550 12/21/1972 Deed Gladys R. Duvall to Albert W. Jr. and Nancy Ellen Wells. Three parcels in Marlboro District - (1) 2/3 interest in 30,941 sq. ft.; same as obtained by #3300:292 and by the will of Albert W. Wells, dec. (2) 2/3 interest in 3,204 sq. ft.; same land acquired by #2097:572 and rec. in #3300:292 (3) 1/2 interest in 7,038 sq. ft., a lot in U.M..

#4166:548 12/19/1972 Deed Albert W. Wells to Gladys S. Duvall. Three parcels in Marlboro District - (1) 2/3 interest in 30,941 sq. ft. (2) 2/3 interest in 3,204 sq. ft. (3) 1/2 interest in 7,038, a lot in U.M.

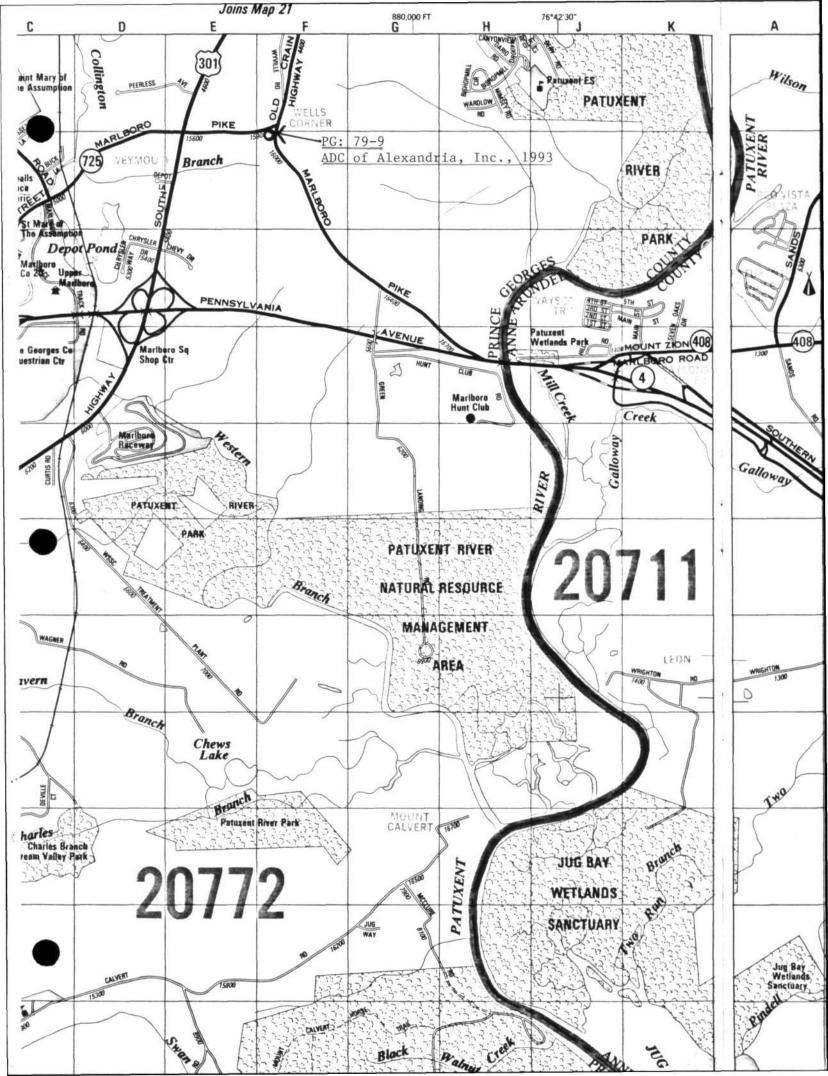
#3300:292 3/16/1966 Deed George L. Wells, to Albert W. Wells, Jr. The grantor's 1/2 undivided interest in two parcels - (1) 30,941 sq. ft., bounded on north by Marlboro Pike, on the east by Chesapeake Beach - Marlboro Road, on south the fence line back of store, running between the store and vacant lot adjoining the property of Albert W. Wells, Jr. and west by property owned by George L. Wells and operated as a gas station and the line continuing the east boundary of said gas station lot from Marlboro Pike until it intersects the back line of property hereinafter devised to said Beatrice A. Wyvill; same land obtained under will of Albert W. Wells, dec. (2) 3,204 sq. ft. beginning at an iron pipe in the frame storage shed at the northwest corner of a prior conveyance to Albert W. Wells, Jr. from Beatrice A. Wyvill of an 11,907 sq. ft. parcel... same land obtained by #2097:572.

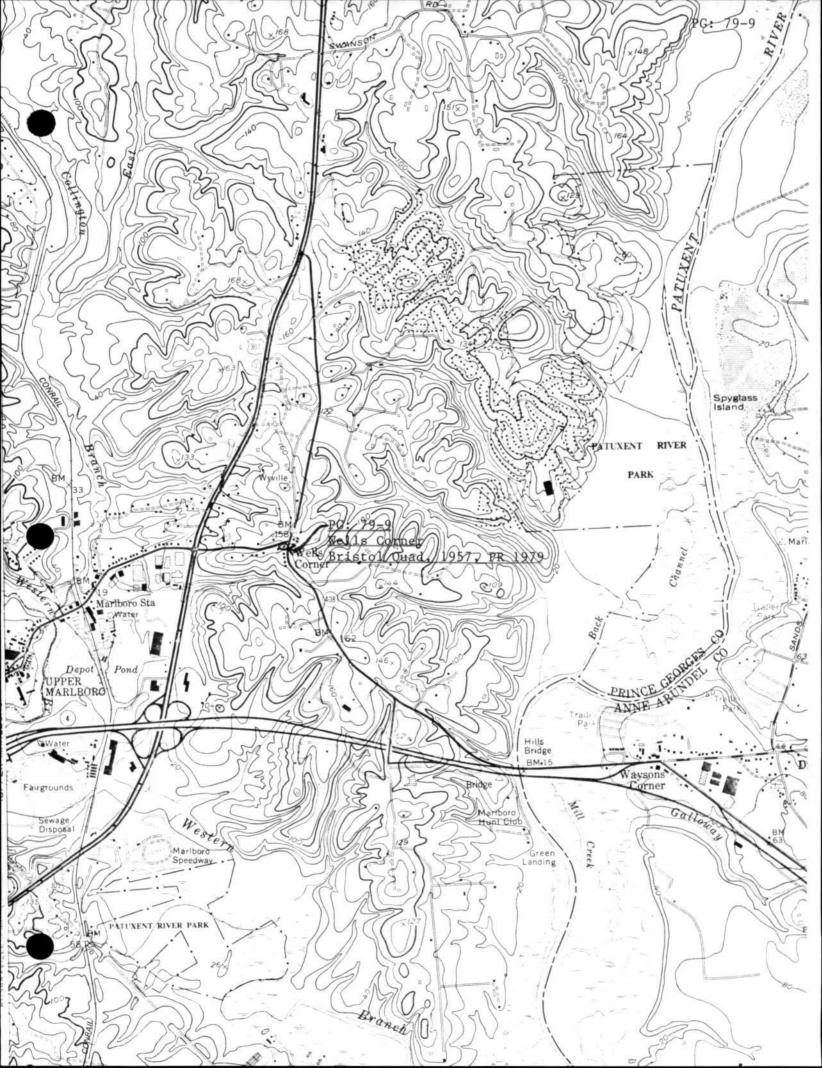
#2097:572 4/29/1957 Deed

Dorothy Wells and Kenneth A. Hook to George L. Wells, Beatrice A. Wyvill and Albert W. Wells, Jr. 3,204 sq. ft. in Marlboro District; same which Dorothy Wells Hook obtained under will of Albert W. Wells, Sr. (plat of 573).

Admin. #9328 Will Estate of Albert William Wells, Sr. Will (rec. GSO #1:443) drawn up 2/17/1948, pro 6/7/1949, to daughter Dorothy W. Hook - residence in U.M. and "balance of my real estate at Wells Corner which I have not heretofore conveyed or herein devised" and \$5,000; to daughter Ethel W. Rawlings - \$8,000 and release of mortgage on her property to daughter Beatrice A. Wyvill - 1/3 interest in store and apartment in which is now conducted a mercantile business, including 1/2 interest in stock and 1/2 interest in the lot used in connection therewith, vacant lot on Hills Bridge Road and \$5,000; to

son George L. Wells - 1/3 interest in store, etc. (as above) and \$5,000; to son Albert W. Wells, Jr. - 1/3 interest in store, etc. (as above). Exterior: son George L. Wells. Appraisal of R.E. at Wells Corner: 2-story, frame dwelling and 4 acres of land located about 400 feet west of Wells Corner. Two-story, frame building located at Wells Corner lot in rear of store building.







P.G. #79-9 Wells Corner

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April 1985

Northeast elevation



Wells Corner Prince George's county, MD. Marina King

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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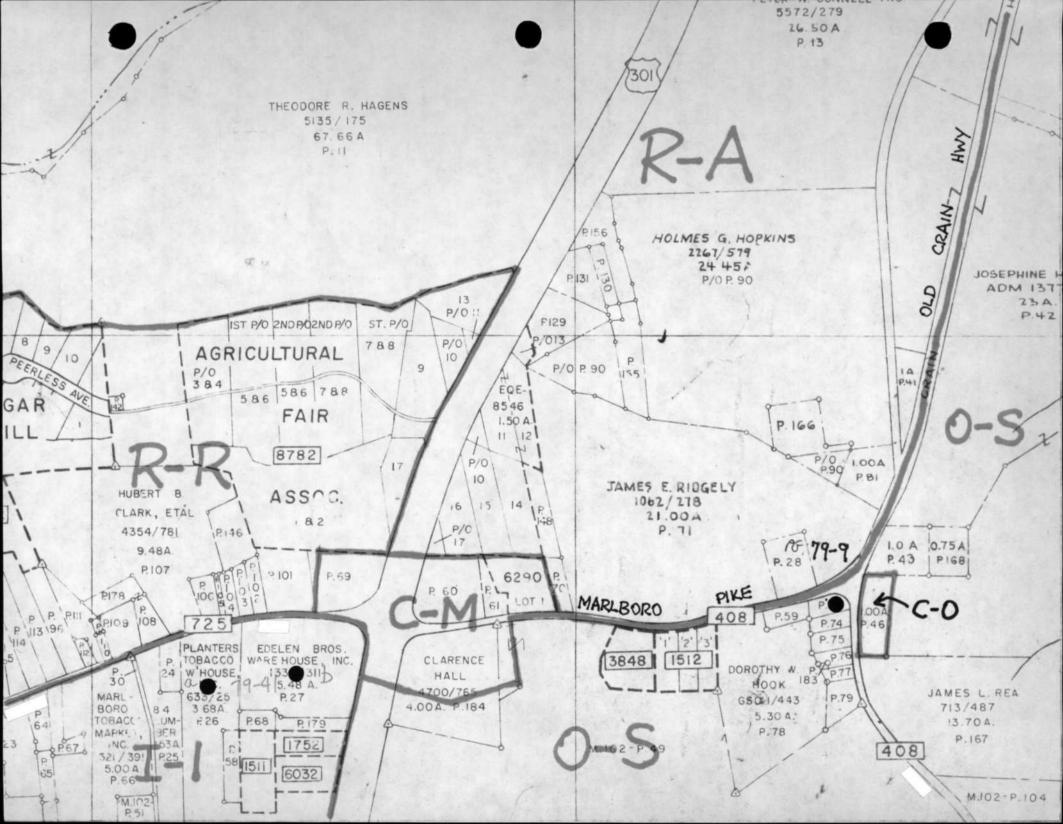
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The main section is a square, two-story, colonial revival building with a hipped-roof.

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